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## Congress to Consider Budget, NLM Grants; Regents Meeting Cancelled

The 95th Congress, first session, has reconvened after the summer recess. Of special interest to NLM will be the Congress's consideration of the Library's budget and grant authority.

Testimony on the federal health budget for fiscal year 1979 will be heard next spring in the Senate and House by their respective Subcommittees on Labor, Health, Education, and Welfare (of the Committees on Appropriations). No hearing dates have yet been set.

There will also be hearings to consider renewal or revisions to the Medical Library Assistance Act. The Act was recently extended for one year to allow time to review the programs. The outcome of these hearings, as reflected in any changes and extension of the Act, will be of great importance to the American health sciences community.

Testimony relating to the Act will be heard by the Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research of the Senate Committee on Human Resources. In the House, the Act will be considered by the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. No hearing dates have yet been set.

The NLM Board of Regents, established by statute, consists of ten members nominated by the President and confirmed by the full Senate for four-year terms. No new Regents have been appointed since 1973, and in August 1977 the term of the last remaining Regent expired. The Library is hopeful that a slate of potential nominees, now at the White House for consideration, will result in new appointed members.

No grants may be awarded under the Medical Library Assistance Act without a review and approval of the NLM Board of Regents. Because new members have not yet been appointed, the meeting of the Board of Regents scheduled for October 1977 has been cancelled. Potential grantees whose applications were scheduled for review in October have been notified that action on their applications will be deferred until a new Board is appointed.

## Four Specialized Bibliographies Ending Publication in 1977

The number of subscribers to several of the Library's specialized publications sold by the Superintendent of Documents (Government Printing Office) has shown a persistent downward trend in recent years. This trend has continued in the face of increasing information demands in the subjects of these publications. It is evident that the preponderance of information needs for these subjects are being satisfied from other sources.

As a result, the Library is planning to discontinue four of its publications sold on subscription by the Superintendent of Documents: the separate *Monthly Bibliography of Medical Reviews,* the monthly *Current Bibliography of Epidemiology* (and annual cumulation), the monthly *Selected References on Environmental Quality as it Relates to Health,* and the quarterly *Toxicity Bibliography.* In all cases the final issue will be for the last month (or quarter) of calendar year 1977. The Superintendent of Documents will make partial refunds to subscrib-

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ers whose subscriptions are in effect into 1978.

It should be emphasized that all the references and abstracts carried by these publications will continue to be available. The "Bibliography of Medical Reviews" will still be included as a separate section in each monthly *Index Medicus* (and cumulated in *Cumulated Index Medicus*). The references in the toxicity, epidemiology, and environmental quality bibliographies will be accessible in the main body of *Index Medicus*. References from all four publications may be retrieved on-line in MEDLINE. Additional references on toxicology/pharmacology may also be retrieved by access to NLM's TOXLINE (Toxicology Information On-Line) data base.

## 1978 IM Subscription Price Announced

The Superintendent of Documents has announced a slight decrease in the annual subscription rate for *Index Medicus*. The 1978 subscription price, which includes the twelve monthly issues plus *Medical Subject Headings*, is $170 ($213 foreign). All current subscriptions expire with the December 1977 issue ( *News*, January 1977); subscribers have been sent renewal notices by the Superintendent of Documents. New subscribers should send their orders with remittance to: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

## New NLM Literature Searches

Recent searches of the MEDLINE data base for the Library's Literature Search series have produced bibliographies on eleven subjects of current interest (see below). These searches are available without charge. (A complete list of titles appears in each issue of *Index Medicus* and *Abridged Index Medicus*.) When requesting Literature Searches, please include title and number, *enclose a self-addressed gummed label,* and mail to:

Literature Search Program
MEDLARS Management Section
National Library of Medicine
8600 Rockville Pike
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LS 77–4 *Bismuth toxicology.* January 1975 through July 1977. 54 citations.

LS 77–5 *Ozone toxicology.* January 1975 through July 1977. 87 citations.

LS 77–6 *Thallium toxicology.* January 1975 through July 1977. 59 citations.

LS 77–7 *Bone marrow transplantation in leukemia and solid tumors.* January 1975 through July 1977. 83 citations.

LS 77–8 *Platinum complexes in the treatment of cancer.* January 1975 through July 1977. 65 citations.

LS 77–9 *Saccharin.* January 1970 through July 1977. 109 citations.

LS 77–10 *Failure to thrive.* January 1975 through July 1977. 77 citations.

LS 77–11 *Effects of silicone on the breast.* January 1975 through June 1977. 52 citations.

LS 77–12 *Endogenous opioid peptides (endorphins).* January 1975 through September 1977. 184 citations.

LS 77–13 *Euthanasia and the right to die.* January 1975 through August 1977. 207 citations.

LS 77–14 *Asbestos toxicity.* January 1970 through July 1977. (Includes and updates L.S. 73–31.) 698 citations.

**Peter D. Olch, M.D. (right), Deputy Chief of NLM's History of Medicine Division, presented a paper entitled "Surgeons of violence: John C. Handy and George E. Goodfellow of the Arizona Territory" at the Western History Conference, September 23–24. The Conference was held at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in Abilene, Kansas. With Dr. Olch, from left, are western historian Sam Arnold, Indian artist Blackbear Bosin, Curator of the Eisenhower Museum Will Jones, and western historian Dr. Harry Dupree.**

## Personnel Notes

Dr. George E. Mitchell, Director of the Library's National Medical Audiovisual Center in Atlanta, retired at the end of September. Dr. Mitchell had been NMAC's Director since 1973. Dr. Myron J. Adams, Jr., NMAC's Deputy Director since last spring (*News*, May 1977), has been named Acting Director.

Another staff loss was Dr. James M. Stengle of the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications. Dr. Stengle retired this month, having served as the Center's Deputy Director for Medical Affairs since 1974.

Other staff changes:

**Staff Gains**

- Patricia Bosma, Librarian, Reference Services Division
- Mildred Mader, Secretary, Bibliographic Services Division
- Vernon Patterson, Computer Operator, Office of Computer and Communications Systems
- Gertrude Peterson, Clerk-typist, Technical Services Division
- Mary F. Rockwell, Secretary, Office of the Director
- Hisayo Seneta, Translator, Bibliographic Services Division
- Lou Snyder, Librarian, Reference Services Division
- Vaile Walders, Library Technician, Technical Services Division

**Staff Losses**

- Linda Baum, Librarian, Technical Services Division
- Daniel Calloway, Senior Library Technician, Reference Services Division
- James Conway, Computer Operator, Office of Computer and Communications Systems
- Ruth Kent, Computer Specialist, Lister Hill Center
- Becky Lyon-Hartman, Technical Information Specialist, Lister Hill Center
- Maria Mannarino, Medical Officer, Specialized Information Services
- Alyce Myers, Secretary, Office of the Director
- Christine Norton, Clerk, Extramural Programs
- Virginia Webster, Library Technician, Technical Services Division

## NLM Serial Gap List

The following journal issues are this month's continuation to the list of gaps in the Library's collection. If you can supply any of these items, please address them to:

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*Abstracts, Annual Meeting*—American Public Health Association and Related Organizations 96, 1968; 99, 1971; 100, 1972

*Abstracts of Papers—American Chemical Society* 167, 1974; 168, 1974

*Actualite Rhumatologique* 9, 1972

*Actualites de Chirurgie Orthopedique de 1 Hopital Raymond*—Poincare 3; 4; 9; 10

*Actualites de Medecine et de Chirurgie du Pied* 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7

*Actualites et Culture Veterinaire* 43, 44, 1963; 47, 48, 50, 52, 1964; 75, 1968; 81, 1969

*Actualites Homoeopathiques* 12; 16

*Actualites Neurophysiologiques* 4; 1963

*Actualites Pharmaceutiques* 64, 1971

*Actualites Pharmaceutiques d' Hygiene et d' Education Sanitaire* 5, 1970; 6, 1972

*Actualites Psychiatriques* 5: 2-6, 1975

*Actualites Sociales* 26: 1, 8, 9, 1966; 27: 7, 1967; 30: 6, 12, 1970; 31: 1, 1971; 33: 8, 9, 1973; 34: 10, 1974; 36: 8, 9, 1976

*Actuelle Gerontologie* 3: 9, 1973

*Adler Museum of the History of Medicine* 1, 1975

*Actas Dermo-Sifiliograficas* 67: 9-12, 1976; 54: 9, 1963; 58: 11-12, 1967

*Actas Luso Espanolas de Neurologia, Psiquiatria y Ciencias Afines* 3: 6, 1975

*Actualided Pediatrica* 24: 2, 3, 5, 1963; 25: 5, 1964; 26: 1-3, 1964; 23: 2, 1963; 32: 1, 1967; 34: 1, 5, 6, 1968; 35: 1, 1969; 36: 3, 1969; 23: 2, 1963

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